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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment supplements the earlier amendment arguments.

Based on the Examiner's remarks in the Advisory Action, additional explanation of the claimed invention is added to the claims to better specify the invention. The amendments are supported by the description on page 7, second paragraph.

A key feature of the present invention is to allow a UV-setting ink-jet ink to contain oxygen in a range of 0.1 to 2 ppm at 25°C as a polymerization inhibitor to inhibit polymerization. In contrast, Akahira teaches to eliminate oxygen from a water-based ink as far as possible, as explained in detail in the earlier amendment. This is a teaching away from the present invention requirement for oxygen to be present.

Therefore, we think that the basic concept of the present invention is quite different from Akahira and the effect of the present invention is unexpected from the teaching of Akahira. Determining the present invention requirements from Akahira to meet the present invention requirements is therefore not obvious.

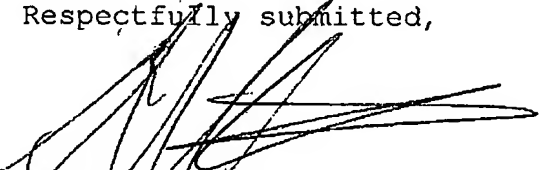
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It is therefore submitted that combining Akahira with the teaching of Tanabe cannot result in the present invention.

In view of the above, a favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

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